Proposal to Open Special Schools for Childs Labourers

227. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM:
SHRI P. SOUNDARARAJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to open special schools for child labour in the country;

(b) if so, the States identified for setting up such schools;

(c) whether Government will allocate more funds for opening such schools around Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu which has a high concentration of child labour; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed scheme to open special schools?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) 76 child labour projects have already been started for rehabilitation of around 1.5 lakh children in the child labour endemic States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. In Sivakasi district in the State of Tamil Nadu, one National Child Labour Project for rehabilitation of 5,000 children through 89 special schools has already been sanctioned.

Ban on Child Labour in Hazardous Industries by SC

228. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recent Supreme Court Judgement ordering ban on child labour in hazardous jobs, industries and mines, only postulates the pious direction of the framers of the Constitution of India as articulated in Article 24 and the wishes of the Parliament as embodied in the Child Labour (Prevention and Regulation) Act, 1986;

(b) if not, to what extent and details of further directions given by the Apex Court in this judgement to effectively enforce the ban; and

(c) the specific steps taken or being taken to effectively carry out the directions of the Supreme Court to ban child labour in hazardous jobs?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Supreme Court of India in their judgement dated 10.12.96, apart from refering to Article 24 of the Constitution of India and Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act 1986, has given certain directions regarding the manner in which the children working in the hazardous occupations are to be withdrawn from work and rehabilitated as also the manner in which the working conditions of the children working in non-hazardous occupations are to be regulated and improved upon. The important directions given in the judgement include survey of children working in hazardous occupations, payment of compensation amounting to Rs. 20,000/- by the offending employer for every child employed in hazardous occupations in contravention of the provisions of the Act, giving alternative employment to an adult member of the family in place of the child withdrawn from such hazardous occupations, provision of education in a suitable institution for the children so withdrawn, creation of Child Labour Relief & Rehabilitation Fund etc.

(c) As a follow up of the directions of the Supreme Court, all the State/UT governments have been sent detailed guidelines on 26th December 1996 indicating the manner in which the directions of Supreme Court could be given effect to. A conference of States/UTs Labour Ministers was also convened on 22.1.97 to formulate an action plan for

the implementation of the directions of Supreme Court on withdrawal and rehabilitation of working children. Based on these deliberations guidelines along with model child labour survey form for carrying out survey as per the directions of the Supreme Court have been sent to the State Governments/UTs.

स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर के विरूद्ध दायर मामले

229. **श्री शिव चरण सिंह** क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) कर्मचारियों/नेताओं ने स्टेट बैंक आफ इन्दौर के विरूद्ध केन्द्रीय श्रम न्यायालय, अन्सल भवन, कस्तूरबा गांधी मार्ग और सहायक श्रम आयुक्त (केन्द्रीय) में कितने मामले दायर किये हैं;

(ख) अनुसूचित जनजातियों से संबंधित मामलों की संख्या कितनी है और इसका ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या मामले की सुनवाई न करने के लिए पीठासीन अधिकारी, श्रम न्यायालय द्वारा लगातार अगली तारीख दी जा रही है और इस तरह से पूर्वाग्रहपूर्ण दृष्टिकोण रखते हुए बैंक प्रबंधन से पक्षपात किया जा रहा है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार कर्मचारियों के मामलों में अधिक विलम्ब को रोकने एवं उन्हें शीघ्र न्याय दिलाने के लिए उपाय/निर्देश देने पर विचार करेगी; और

(ङ) उपरोक्त मामलों का निपटारा कब तक कर लिया जायेगा?

श्रम मंत्री (श्री एम० अरूणाचलम): (क) आदिनांक, सी जी आई टी-सह-श्रम न्यायालय, नई दिल्ली में दो औद्योगिक विवाद लम्बित हैं जिसमें स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इंन्दौर और इसके कर्मचारी/संघों के पदाधिकारी अन्तर्गस्त हैं। 1.1.1995 से स्टेट बैंक ऑफ इन्दौर के कर्मचारियों/संघों के पदाधिकारियों द्वारा सहायक श्रम आयुक्त (केन्द्रीय), नई दिल्ली के समक्ष चार औद्योगिक विवाद रखे गए हैं। तीन मामलों के संबंध में संराधन की असफलता की रिपोर्ट श्रम मंत्रालय में प्राप्त हो गई है जिनमें से एक विवाद पहले ही न्यायनिर्णयन के लिए संदर्भित कर दिया है।

(ख) औद्योगिक विवाद का आंकड़ा जाति आधार पर नहीं रखा जाता है।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) सरकार द्वारा न्यायालय के क्षेत्राधिकार में हस्तक्षेप करने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Experts Committee to Review Various Labour Laws

230. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently set up an Experts Committee to review various labour laws with a view to have them updated in the light of liberalisation and globalisation policies adopted by the Government;

(b) if so, details of the agenda on which the Committee is working, terms of reference, composition and time schedule for finalisation of the assignment;

(c) details of labour laws to be updated and direction of change sought; and

(d) the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) In pursuance the recommendations made in the 33rd Session of Indian Labour Conference held in October, 1996 the Government has constituted a Bipartitc Committee to formulate specific proposals for a comprehensive Industrial Relations law and to consider the issue of recognittion of Trade Unions through Secret Ballot. The Committee has already met four times and the present tenure of the Committee is upto 31st May, 1997.

Clearance of Pending Statutory Dues of Employees of CPSUs

231. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting was held on 5th December, 1996, regarding clearance of